

**AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting image information by a sending mobile phone having a memory and utilizing a short message service (SMS), the method comprising the steps of:

selecting ~~and confirming~~ an image file out of a list of one or more image files stored on the sending mobile phone;

displaying the selected image file on a display of the mobile phone;

confirming the displayed image;

accepting information about a receiving mobile phone to which the image file selected by a user is to be transmitted; and

transmitting an SMS message having data of the image file and header information for indicating to the receiving mobile phone that the message is an image message.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the image file in a plurality of successive SMS messages if the data amount of the image file exceeds the user data amount allowed for one SMS message.

3. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving the transmitted SMS message having data of the image file and the header information in the receiving mobile phone having a memory for storing image files;

temporarily storing the image file in the memory if the header information indicates the image message; and

permanently storing the image file after assigning it a name in accordance with a receiving user request.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 3, further comprising the step of transmitting the image file in a plurality of successive SMS messages if the data amount of the image file exceeds the user data amount allowed for one SMS message.